



**MINUTES OF THE ELYSIAN VALLEY RIVERSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MEETING OF THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015
ALLESANDRO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
2210 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, LOS ANGELES 90039**

The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, but the Board has the discretion to modify the amount of time for any speaker.

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by President Appleton at **6:39 p.m.** The following Board Members were present and produced a quorum for this meeting:

Steve Appleton
Marie Gurule
Andy Chung
Allen Anderson
Arturo Gomez

Roman Gomez
Chad Gordon
(arr. 7:41 p.m.;
left 8:45 p.m.)

Jeff Klein
Becky Lee
Astrid Sykes
Daniel Torres

Absent: Daniel Paredes, Lali Grewal, Katie Poltz

2. REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

There was no action on the December 2014 or the January 2015 Meeting Minutes because there were no hard copies of either at the Meeting. Therefore, review and approval of those Minutes were tabled. **Appleton/___ moved to approve the February 2015 Meeting Minutes. Motion passed 11-0-0 by hand-vote.**

3. VOTING ON ELIGIBLE STAKEHOLDER TO FILL EVRNC BOARD VACANCY

Klein reported that EVRNC had received three seat applications: Mark Lara, Gilbert Castillo and Janet Workman. Castillo was not present. Lori ___ stated she wished to be considered but had not completed an application. She was invited to submit one pending the next vacancy and to become involved with committees until then. Each candidate was introduced and gave a short statement about why they wanted to sit on the EVRNC Board. **Each Board Member voted aloud for one candidate. Mark Lara was elected 8-3.** He will sit with the Board at the next Meeting.

Voting Lara: Appleton, Chung, Anderson, A. Gomez, R. Gomez, Lee, Sykes, Torres.

Voting Workman: Gurule, Gordon, Klein

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

Appleton announced that Mayor Garcetti requested that each neighborhood council appoint two Board Members, of each gender, to attend Civic University: a 3-day event in April. Lee, Chung and Lara expressed interest. Because Lara had just been seated and had not yet been through

other, mandatory trainings, **Lee and Chung were appointed. The Board ratified the appointments 11-0-0 by hand-vote.** Appleton also announced that there would be a meeting re MetroLink on April 9 at 6 p.m. Outreach will send out details.

5. REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

- a. Adam Bass, representing CD 13, reported there were no updates since the previous meeting. The proposed Q Conditions are moving forward and Planning hopes to have them completed in time for a public hearing in April so it can go forward to City Council in June. Also, they will be going forward on the median upgrade. Further, trees in Elysian Valley have been trimmed. His contact information is 213.207.2011 or adam.bass@lacity.org.
- b. Pam Marcello, representing Congressman Adam Schiff, reiterated the upcoming hearing on MetroLink, noting that LAUSD is also doing a Health Risk Assessment on MetroLink for Dorris Place School. Also, Tracy Stone was chosen as Elysian Valley's "Woman of the Year" for all of her hard work on the Art Walk. Stakeholder Ed Brostoff asked if Congressman Schiff would meet with the Community regarding the impact on it caused by the \$1b revitalization of the L.A. River; response, such a meeting is being coordinated between the Congressman's Office, the Mayor's Office and the Corps of Army Engineers. Announcements will be made when it has been finalized.
- c. LAPD Sergeant Bob Alaniz, Northeast Division, announced they would be hosting a BBQ and Cook-Out on March 21 from 11-3 at Rio de Los Angeles. There will be games. They are also taking sign-ups for the upcoming programs for kids that include golfing, soccer, wrestling, etc.

6. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR FISCAL YEAR WRAP-UP

Appleton reminded everyone that they will need to do their part to get the grants processed. He also announced that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment has set out two directives:

- a. EVRNC Question Follow-ups: *Communication with public about the recommendations we have made and the opportunities for public comment.* The EVRNC website will be fully up and running soon.
- b. *The EVRNC needs office space to keep its records and property.* The Board has been told it is impermissible to keep records and property at Board Members' homes.

7. FUNDING ITEM: LAPTOP FOR USE IN MEETINGS FOR RECORDING MEETINGS

Appleton is presently using a personal laptop during meetings. **Gurule/Klein moved to approve up to \$900 to purchase a laptop for EVRNC. Motion passed 9-0-0 by roll-call vote.**

8. FUNDING ITEM: EVRNC OFFICE SPACE

Appleton and Gurule presented their findings when searching for some office space. The Law Offices across from Wan's Market has a small office available for \$500/mo. The building also has WiFi, off-street parking, a kitchen and a conference room that seats up to 22 people where some meetings could be held. The deposit, first and last month's rent, plus key deposit, and rent through June 30, 2015, would be \$2,800. (1) **Klein/Gordon moved to approve up to \$2,800 to establish and rent an office through June 30, 2015. Motion passed 10-1-0 by roll-call vote.** (No: R.Gomez) (2) **Klein/Chung moved to establish an Ad Hoc Transition Committee to facilitate the move. Motion passed 11-0-0 by hand-vote.** (3) **Appleton appointed Gurule as its Chair and Klein, Anderson, Sykes and Stakeholder Adrienne Benitez as its Committee Members. The EVRNC ratified the appointments 11-0-0 by hand-vote.**

9. FUNDING ITEM: DONE-APPROVED VENDOR TO ASSIST WEB COMMITTEE TO FINALIZE WEBSITE

Lee said that she is Nation Builder-certified and willing to finalize the website at no-cost.

Appleton appointed Lee as Co-Chair of the Website Committee, to work with Poltz. The EVRNC ratified the appointment 11-0-0 by hand-vote.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Budget & Finance Committee

Torres/Chung moved to approve the February Monthly Expenditure Report in the amount of \$471.14. Motion passed 11-0-0 by roll-call vote.

b. Outreach Committee

(1) A. Gomez/R. Gomez moved to form an Ad Hoc Health Fair Committee. Motion passed 8-3-0 by hand-vote. (Noes: Appleton, Gurule, Torres) (2) Appleton appointed Lee as its Chair and Chung, Ceci Dominguez and Helen Leung as its Committee Members. The EVRNC ratified the appointments 11-0-0 by hand vote. (3) A. Gomez/R. Gomez moved to have Stakeholders Ed Brostoff, Robert Leyland and Garry Wong appointed to the Outreach Committee. Motion passed 11-0-0 by hand vote.

c. Ad Hoc Committee on Gentrification/Community Displacement

A. Gomez requested that Appleton appoint the following persons to the Committee: Alejandro Gallo, Lupe Fletes, Robert Leyland, Vincent Montalvo. Appleton appointed them as requested and the EVRNC ratified the appointments 10-0-0 by hand-vote. (Gordon had left the meeting.)

d. Executive Committee

Chung reported that there had been no Executive Committee meeting this month because there would have been no quorum, but that it was determined that its not meeting should not have affected the regularly-scheduled Board meeting.

e. Grants Committee

The deadline to submit Neighborhood Purpose Grant applications has been set for April 20.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. Helen Leung announced that LA-Más would be hosting a Futuro de Frogtown Celebration on April 14 from 7-9 at Elysian (on Clearwater).

b. Gloria ___ said that there has been added pollution on Gail Street due to truckers.

c. Adrianne Bennitez said she had gone to the Neighborhood Watch meeting and they were reviewing projects for restaurants that were not being reviewed by EVRNC.

d. Vincent Montalvo stated that he believed the Board Meeting was being held illegally because it had not followed the rules. Montalvo also submitted a request under the Public Records Act to EVRNC Secretary Chung.

e. Alex Gallo asked if the Town Hall following the meeting was on the Agenda. Appleton responded that it was not because it is a Town Hall, no action would be taken by the Board, and, therefore, it is not subject to the Brown Act.

f. Grove Pashley announced there would be a Community Meeting re MetroLink on April 9 at 6 p.m. at the Cypress Rec Center.

12. AGENDA SETTING

a. R. Gomez said he hadn't read the City Attorney's email prior to the last meeting and wants to re-introduce the motion to investigate the claims on the stakeholder petition to remove Appleton.

b. Sykes noted that CD13 reported the median was moving forward and would like to discuss EVRNC's role.

13. ADJOURN

Appleton/Torres moved to adjourn at 9:14 p.m.